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PROJECTILE PLANT TAKES U. M. C. MEN

William R. Brown and Many Other Executives of Remington Plants Leave To Go With New Munition Manufactory.

Work on War Orders Begins in New East End Factories—Scores Leave U. M. C. Works to Go With New Concern Today.

The new Bridgeport Projectile Co. on Union avenue, the name and officials of which were mentioned in an expose concerning German propagandists, has instituted work on its war orders.

Several score of skilled workmen, both helpers and foremen, quit the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. Saturday evening and are now on the payroll of the Bridgeport Projectile Co.

Offers have been made to 500 other skilled workmen by the new company. It is said, and so serious has the rivalry become that the U. M. C. Co. is said to be trying to get leases on the services of many of its workmen.

William R. Brown, of 49 Blackman place, former state senator, and until the military regime at the Remington plants, head of the toolmaking department in the Cartridge Co. will be general manager of three plants, it is said, which will be established in Bridgeport, some other Connecticut city and a city in New Jersey.

With Mr. Brown will go to the new company some of the Cartridge Co.'s best workmen. Superintendent Scott of the tool making department, Mr. Brown, will go. Charles Symons, superintendent of the grinding department will join him. Eighteen toolmakers have been offered to go, and the services of more are sought.

Foreman Charles Lownds of the third shift, 11 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the evening, Foremen Bryan and Perry, first shift, 7 to 3, Assistant Foremen, first shift, Hennessey and Cook and Assistant Foremen, third shift, Seaks and Britts have joined the new concern.

Some others quit because they wanted to be with Mr. Brown, the story goes. Eighteen persons from the clerical department, including a high-salaried official will go.

George Gusgenheim, formerly of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., will be secretary to Mr. Brown, it is said. Not only these men left their jobs, but they are now scouting in machine shops for suitable machinery for the new plant. It is said purchases are being made rapidly.

One of the interesting features of the transfer of workmen is that the Remington Arms plants officials are known to have gotten into bad odor with local manufacturers because they didn't hesitate to draft some of the best men from other factories and give them higher wages. The ing in the Arms plants.

That the company will be a competitor for labor with the Remington plants is indicated. Whether or not it will compete for the Arms' trade isn't definitely known, but the opinion seems to prevail that the firm will sell to the Teutonic countries.

Work has been started in a small way on manufacturing but in a few weeks, great activity is expected.

W. H. Knight, president of the company, could not be located today. At Mr. Brown's home it was said that Mr. Brown is out of town.

Mr. Brown had been connected with the Cartridge Co. for more than a score of years. When he left he was head of the toolmaking department. For many years he had been in Republican politics and served once as a state senator from the twenty-third senatorial district.

Ten of Crew Perish When Spanish Collier Grounds in Heavy Gale

Bordeaux, France, Nov. 15.—Ten members of the crew of the Spanish collier, Bernabe, ran Cardiff for Bilbao with coal, perished when the vessel ran ashore in a gale at Point de la Coubert, at the mouth of the Gironde river. The steamer is believed to be a total loss.

ZEPPELIN FAILS AT GRODNO

London, Nov. 15.—The Central news correspondent at The Hague says information has been received there from Frankfurt that a Zeppelin landed near Grodno, Russia, after being damaged badly by Russian artillery. The message says the dirigible was destroyed in greater part by fire after the crew was rescued.

THE WEATHER

Rain this afternoon and probably tonight, colder. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder. Fresh to strong northwest winds.

MAYOR TO INVESTIGATE MERIDEN SILVER RIOTS; TRIALS DUE WEDNESDAY

Meriden, Conn., Nov. 15.—The charges of rioting and damage to property preferred against 14 persons arrested early yesterday after a disturbance outside the factory of the William Rogers Manufacturing company, will be taken up Wednesday in the city court. Two other defendants are charged with rioting and carrying concealed weapons. The postponement of the cases was due to the desire of the strikers who have been arrested and the organization to which they belong to secure counsel.

Already there have been retained David E. Fitzgerald of New Haven, C. F. Danaher and A. E. Aubrey of this city. All the defendants have been placed under bonds, \$200 each for 14 and \$300 each for the two who are additionally charged with carrying concealed weapons.

The city court room was filled with people when the cases were called. The front seats were filled with young men who are striking employees of the silver companies. There was no arraignment as a postponement was quickly arranged with little formality. Everything was orderly in and about the court room.

At the William Rogers factory there was no untoward incident. A number

of men were at work repairing windows which were broken by missiles during the disturbance. The men who are said to have been strikebreakers brought here by motor truck early Sunday morning were not in sight unless some of them were among those who were repairing windows.

Among the strikers there was much speculation as to whether the men brought in by motor trucks are to be strikebreakers or merely watchmen in the plant. The number is not considered sufficient to permit of reopening the plant. Today the city police were patrolling outside the factory but the strikers did not go to that neighborhood.

Chief of Police Charles Bowen said today that the shooting at the factory would be a subject of thorough investigation. He has been assured, he said, by the manager of the factory, George D. Muenson, that the company's guards at the plant were not armed and that they consequently could not have fired any shots. The police, however, reported that shots were fired from inside the factory enclosure as well as from outside.

Mayor Donovan also announced today that the riot incidents would be thoroughly inquired into.

THREE MILFORD MEN SEVERELY HURT WHEN TROLLEY SMASHES INTO LOADED AUTOMOBILE BUS

Father and Son Dangerously Injured and One Other Passenger Suffers as Vehicles Collide—Trolley Knocks Machine Into Telegraph Pole, Then Plunges in Splintering Mass.

As the result of a crash between a speeding trolley car on the Bridgeport turnpike in Milford and the yellow Harvard limousine bus as the latter was crossing the tracks just below the Devon post office three persons are under physicians care today. They are:

Harvard, Joseph H., Milford, broken nose and broken right arm, concussion of the brain. In a serious condition.

Harvard, Napoleon, Milford, broken left wrist and possible internal injury.

Sanborn, Ora, Milford, injuries about face and head and dislocated thumb.

The accident occurred at 6:15 when Joseph Harvard drove the car out of his yard on the Bridgeport turnpike, preparatory to beginning his service to Bridgeport through Stratford. His father, Napoleon, was standing on the running board beside the driver's seat. Sanborn was a passenger in the car.

A trolley coming from Walnut beach and well filled with passengers, was said to have been running at an excessive rate of speed. Young Harvard did not see the car until he had almost crossed the tracks. In order to avoid being struck he was compelled to back the big bus, which is the largest yet used in Bridgeport, and capable of seating about 30 people. Evidently believing that the automobile would back clear of the tracks the motorman was said not to have reduced the power. The trolley struck the automobile with a terrific impact upon the side of the engine and directly beside where the two Harvards were standing.

Both Harvards were thrown clear of the automobile. Joseph Harvard struck upon his head in Joseph Harvard's unconscious condition. His father quickly regained his senses and aided in taking Sanborn from the wreck. He had been protected by flying glass and he suffered other bruises.

Dr. Louis J. Pons was summoned and had the injured men removed to their homes after first aid treatment had been rendered. Young Harvard was unconscious for several hours. Those living in the vicinity declare that it was a wonder all were not killed and protest that trolley car speeds in the section are a menace to life. The new jitney which began service only last week is nearly a complete wreck.

DIPHTHERIA LAYS FIVE LOW IN ONE HOUSEHOLD HERE

Diphtheria is the most prevalent disease at the present in this city, according to a statement of Health Officer E. A. McEllan today. There are 25 cases of diphtheria in this city at present. Of scarlet fever there are 13 and five typhoid fever cases. They are not in any certain section of the city, being scattered over various districts. Five cases of diphtheria in the home of James T. Mulligan of 38 Turn Thumb street have been the cause of much alarm in the home during the last two weeks. Dr. George M. Garlick reports deeply that five patients have been taken a decided change for the better and their recovery is almost assured. Two of the cases are said to be Mack diphtheria.

MANUFACTURERS COMPLAINING OF FREIGHT SERVICE

Protest to New Haven Road Because of Lack of Track Facilities.

The manufacturers of Bridgeport have protested in a body against the freight service being given to Bridgeport manufacturers. Through the Manufacturers' association of this city officials of the road in conference at New Haven last week, learned of the conditions here due to inadequate switching and track facilities.

Immediate steps to remedy conditions were made upon the joint complaint being received with the result that new tracks have been opened for trains at Union avenue and hence is being made in other sections of the city to make similar provision.

Some manufacturers complained through the association that they were compelled to wait as long as a week or 10 days after the arrival of cars before the shipments could be placed in position for unloading.

L. B. Nickerson, now a supervising freight agent, has been especially detailed to carry out the complaints and to remedy conditions in Bridgeport. It is believed that the New Haven company will supplement the number of switch engines in this section and now takes immediate steps to overcome the deficiency in tracks, which remains the same as they were several years ago.

Woman Is Fined \$50 For Assaulting Man

In city court today a fine of \$50 was placed upon Mrs. Josephine Annick of 6 Ellis lane, arraigned on the charge of assaulting Vincent Bauco of 74 George street. The assault took place in front of Eagles' hall on Madison avenue Friday night.

Auto Jumps To Street And Injures Laborer

An automobile driven by William R. Mulhearn of 1365 Pembroke street, skidded on the wet pavement at Market and Arch streets, this morning, and jumping onto the sidewalk struck and injured Frank Perry, a Portuguese. Living at 43 Crescent avenue, Perry received a contusion to the right thigh and was taken to the Emergency hospital in the automobile ambulance. He was taken later to his home. Mulhearn reported the matter to the police but was not held.

SUNDAY NOT VISITING DAY AT COUNTY JAIL

Because an evening paper announced that Sunday was visiting day at the county jail the North avenue institution was invaded by a large number of friends of the prisoners yesterday. County Sheriff John F. Donovan could not account for the mistake inasmuch as Wednesday is the only visiting day at the jail. He had to turn all the visitors away yesterday.

MANY PLAN TO HEAR DR. BLACKFORD'S TALK

Members of the Manufacturers' association are making preparation to have their shops well represented at the coming meeting of shop superintendents and foremen at Colonial hall, November 18, when Dr. Katherine M. H. Blackford, one of the country's experts on character study will be "sizing up" men for selection as workers. The theme is a much discussed one in industrial circles and will undoubtedly prove most interesting.

CONFIDENCE MEN MADE "BOMBS" AS DUPE LOOKED ON

Startling Details of Swindle Are Disclosed Following Arrest.

HIRED CELLAR AS MUNITION PLANT

Man Who Lost Over Thousand Dollars Tells Police His Story.

After several weeks' investigation in this city by local police and secret service men of what was suspected of being a bomb plot connected with the activities of Lieut. Robert Fay and Paul Scholz, the authorities have failed to find evidence by which Thos. Leecopius, held in New York on the charge of swindling, may become involved in the case that is attracting nation-wide attention.

It became known today, however, that two men who swindled George Cravates a fruit dealer at Main street and Union square, actually manufactured explosives for bombs in a cellar in Union square, but the police believe this was a ruse to flim-flam Cravates out of \$1,950.

Several weeks ago two men, apparently of foreign birth, went to Cravates and after making his acquaintance enlisted his aid in getting a place to manufacture explosives for secret use. They promised to give him a share in the profits that would be obtained from agents of foreign governments.

According to Cravates, the three hired a cellar in Union square and there, the fruit dealer asserts, the men demonstrated that they could manufacture deadly stuff. The police say Cravates is an intelligent man and Cravates swore they knew the secret of explosives.

He declares they made much of the stuff and later decided that they had to have larger quarters. Plans were made to hire empty store at Park and South avenues. Before that was done, however, Cravates lost his money.

The strangers induced him to invest \$1,950 in the enterprise and they swindled him out of it by the "ventriloquist game." Despite this, other statements made by Cravates caused the matter to be reported to high police authorities and an investigation was begun.

The description of one of the men tallied with that of Schois, who is held as a German plotter. This clue didn't materialize, however.

It was learned that the two men went to Springfield, Mass., and from there a clue was obtained that led to the arrest of one Thomas Leecopius in New York. Cravates identified a picture of Leecopius and he believes he is one of the men. As a result the police will drop the bomb plot inquiry.

Leecopius insists on extradition and arrangements are being made to bring Leecopius here.

Bridgeport Curate Gets Pastorate In Camden, New Jersey

Rev. Gilbert L. Underhill, for the last year and a half curate at Trinity Episcopal church, after January 1 will leave Bridgeport for the pastorate of St. John's Episcopal church of Camden, N. J. Rev. Mr. Underhill was rector of St. John's church, Camden, 11 years and left there six years ago. It was one of his first parishes. The church has between 400 and 500 communicants.

Fr. Underhill said today that he was leaving Bridgeport because his former parishioners desired him to return to them. He said today that he liked Bridgeport very much and he had been thing very congenial here.

State Police Will Probe Meriden Fire

Meriden, Nov. 15.—In order to have last night's fire in the house of Mrs. Katherine in South Colony street investigated, Fire Chief John F. Donovan, acting through the fire marshal, C. J. Trudeau, has asked the state police for assistance. Mrs. Kautscher has had six fires in three years in her property. The fire yesterday only did \$500 damage but the police had to rescue several persons. Two years ago Mrs. Kautscher was in court charged with arson but she was discharged as evidence to uphold the charge was lacking.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL FROM NOVA SCOTIA IS SUNK BY U-BOAT

London, Nov. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Wacousta, 1,938 tons, is reported sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved.

The Wacousta sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia, October 19, for Vladivostok.

After leaving the old town, which happened to be in Russia, he went to South Africa, returned to England and came to this country in 1905. He said Bridgeport would be a good city if there were more syllables in the name.

PAGE STILL UNABLE TO TELL WASHINGTON OFFICIAL FACTS OF SINKING OF LINER ANCONA

SERBIAN ARMY OF 6,000 ROUTS BULGARIAN FORCE OF 20,000 BY USE OF SUPERIOR GENERALSHIP

Milan, Nov. 15.—An account of the recent fighting before Babuna Pass, in southern Serbia, is forwarded by a war correspondent of the Corriere della Sera. The Bulgarians, he says, were 20,000 strong, the Serbians 6,000.

No serious resistance being possible for the Serbians on open ground, they fell back from Vele and Isvor and set up a defense where the road narrows near Abdi Pass at an elevation of 2,000 feet. The 20,000 Bulgarians were grouped between Vele and Babuna Pass, supported by powerful artillery. The Serbs were hard pressed and for a time it seemed as though they must give way which would mean the loss not only of the army but of Monastir.

The situation was changed, however, by the tactics adopted by the Serbian commander, Col. Vassic. He permitted the Bulgarians to advance as far as the Perlepe road, and then fell upon them with all his forces, smashing through their first and second lines with the bayonet and driving the Bulgarians beyond Kotsjak.

On the following days, the Bulgarians attempted to recapture the lost positions, but the Serbians, though poorly supplied with food and munitions, were able to hold them back.

MONASTIR POPULACE SHOWS UNEASINESS

Saloniki, Nov. 15.—Renewed uneasiness is reported among the population at Monastir, because of a large Bulgarian force which is threatening the Perlepe front in the Babuna, although the situation at Babuna Pass and the Katschik defile is said to be unchanged.

It is reported here that three German submarines are using the Bulgarian harbor of Varna, on the Black Sea, as a base and that three battalions of Turkish troops have been sent to that port.

British troops and stores continue to be landed here, taxing to the utmost the resources of the port and railroad.

WANT NORTH SEA MEASURES ADOPTED IN MEDITERRANEAN TO STOP WORK OF U-BOATS

Rome, Nov. 15.—The sinking of the steamer Novia, following closely the destruction of the Ancona and the Firenze, has resulted in a determined agitation for the adoption in the Mediterranean of measures similar to which have checked submarine activities in the North Sea.

Careful search is being made for the missing boats of the Firenze and Novia but there is no hope of finding additional survivors of the Ancona.

Latest official reports give the number saved as 299 out of a total of 507 aboard the Ancona. Most of the victims were steerage passengers, of which class only 57 were saved.

NEW REPORT OF LOSS OF STEAMER ADRIATIC

New York, Nov. 15.—There was an unconfirmed report this morning in maritime circles that the steamship Adriatic had been sunk but the report did not state whether the steamship was the big passenger ship of the White Star line or was the British steamship Adriatic, which left Kymass, Greece, on October 13 for Philadelphia, and passed Tarifa, Spain, on October 19.

The White Star liner Adriatic arrived in Liverpool Nov. 11, and was not scheduled to leave for New York until Nov. 24. Later a report became current on the maritime exchange that it was the Adriatic of the White Star line that was in trouble.

"The Adriatic was heavily laden when she left New York," said Mr. Lindsay, a line official, "and it would take at least three days to unload her and as many more to load for the return voyage to this port. She was not scheduled to sail for New York until Nov. 24."

The Adriatic was built in 1906 and cost \$4,000,000. She has a gross tonnage of \$4,541.

POPE BENEDICT ACTS

Rome, Nov. 15.—As soon as he heard of the aerial raid upon Verona, Pope Benedict directed Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, to telegraph to Cardinal Badier, archbishop of Verona, asking details and instructing him to do everything possible to relieve the sufferers.

RESISTS ARREST WITH PICKET; FINED IN COURT

Steve Wornik of 412 Broad street used a wooden picket pulled from a fence to defend himself from arrest by Policeman Patrick Lynch yesterday. In city court today he paid a fine of \$10 and costs and the other two were fined \$5 and costs each.

American Ambassador Cables That Italian Government is Preparing Official Statement on Which He Hopes to Be Able to Base Definite Report.

Lansing Still Uncertain As To Whether Submarine That Sank the Liner Was German or Austrian Vessel—Capital Gets Series of Cable Reports.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, at Rome, cables that his conferences at the Italian foreign office thus far have failed to develop the details or facts concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

The Italian government, according to Mr. Page, is having considerable difficulty in establishing just what happened when the vessel went down. An investigation is under way, however, and as soon as its results are known, Mr. Page will communicate it to Washington.

Secretary Lansing has been waiting to learn whether it was a German or Austrian submarine which destroyed the Ancona and therefore, has not instructed either Ambassador Gerard or Ambassador Penfield to call at Berlin and Vienna foreign offices respectively, to ask for information.

It appeared today, however, that in order to obtain officially such information as is in the possession of the German and Austrian governments, instructions might be sent to inquire of the admiralties.

The most official information on the Ancona yet received, the state department arrived today by cable from Ambassador Sharp at Paris who transmitted telegrams to the French minister of marine from the prefect at Bleria. They follow.

"November 7.—One hundred shipwrecked persons, of which six were wounded, from Ancona torpedoed Sunday noon, brought to Bleria.

"November 8.—Two torpedo boats this evening brought 21 survivors and four bodies to Bleria. Survivors are 143 out of 480 and are being cared for at Sidi Adallah hospital. The submarine which sank the Ancona, according to concordant information received by me, was from 80 to 100 metres long and armed with two fairly large guns forward and two smaller ones aft.

"November 9.—A boat from the Ancona arrived this forenoon at Cape Roa with 28 persons, bringing total survivors to 151. Of the 151 survivors for at Sidi Adallah one is an American woman, 16 are Greeks and the balance Italians.

"November 9.—Two of Ancona's boats have just arrived at Zembra with 28 survivors and the other at Tunis with 27 others. Total survivors 222.

This was all the official information in the hands of the French government. Other messages reaching state department today throw no light on the incident and are largely duplicated, news despatches.

State department officials say that the department has not received the Italian government's communication to neutral governments, denying that the Ancona carried any arms, contraband of persons in belligerent service.

GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE TAKEN 8,500 SERBIANS

London, Nov. 15.—Capture of 8,500 Serbians is reported by German headquarters in today's official statement. The Bulgarian forces operating in Serbia took 7,000 of these, together with six cannon. The Serbians continue to be driven back all along the line, it is announced.

Berlin claims a somewhat decided success for German arms along the Sty river. General von Linsingen's troops have cleared the entire western bank of the river of Russians, it is declared.

The Russians appear to have begun an offensive movement in a near region, the German war office reporting Russian attacks near Smorgon, east of Vilna, which were repulsed.

In the latest official report by the Italian general staff progress for the Italians in the fighting on the Isonzo front is claimed. Advances are declared to have been made on the heights to the northeast of Gorizia in the Plesso Basin and on Javorek.

General Bardoche, of the Austrian army, is quoted in a Berlin despatch as declaring that the Italian offensive has not even denied the Austrian line in the Isonzo region. The Austrian under General Borrovvitch have maintained.